

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

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Claim 9 (new): A method for implementing external access by a first mobile communication appliance to a subscriber identity module in a second mobile communication appliance, the method comprising:

10 defining a logical AT-command-based interface between the first and second mobile communication appliances; and

permitting, via the logical AT-command-based interface, logical autonomous communication between the first and second mobile communication appliances.

15 Claim 10 (new): A method for implementing external access by a first mobile communication appliance to a subscriber identity module in a second mobile communication appliance as claimed in claim 9, wherein the first and second mobile communication appliances contain a respective adaptation layer which adapts logical communication between the first and second mobile
20 communication appliances to the logical AT-command-based interface.

Claim 11 (new): A method for implementing external access by a first mobile communication appliance to a subscriber identity module in a second mobile communication appliance as claimed in claim 9, wherein the logical AT-
25 command-based interface uses a client/server architecture.

Claim 12 (new): A method for implementing external access by a first mobile communication appliance to a subscriber identity module in a second mobile communication appliance as claimed in claim 9, wherein the logical AT-
30 command-based interface is used independently of a transmission technology being

used, the logical AT-command-based interface using one of RS-232, USB, Bluetooth, Wireless-LAN and Ultra-Wide-Band.

Claim 13 (new): A system for implementing external access by a first
5 mobile communication appliance to a subscriber identity module in a second
mobile communication appliance, comprising:
a first mobile communication appliance;
a second mobile communication appliance; and
a logical AT-command-based interface defined between the first and second
10 mobile communication appliances, wherein the logical AT-command-based
interface provides the first mobile communication appliance with access to a
subscriber identity module in the second mobile communication appliance.

Claim 14 (new): A system for implementing external access by a first
15 mobile communication appliance to a subscriber identity module in a second
mobile communication appliance as claimed in claim 13, wherein the first and
second mobile communication appliances contain a respective adaptation layer
which adapts logical communication between the first and second mobile
communication appliances to the logical AT-command-based interface.

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Claim 15 (new): A system for implementing external access by a first
mobile communication appliance to a subscriber identity module in a second
mobile communication appliance as claimed in claim 13, wherein the logical AT-
command-based interface may use one of RS-232, USB, Bluetooth, Wireless-LAN
25 and Ultra-Wide-Band as transmission technology.

Claim 16 (new): A system for implementing external access by a first
mobile communication appliance to a subscriber identity module in a second
mobile communication appliance as claimed in claim 13, wherein no subscriber
30 identity module is used in the first mobile communication appliance.